

Roxbury, Near Boston

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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

My dear friend & fellow labourer,

Mr. Garrison has just put into my hand your letter to him dated Hallowell the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. requesting my attendance at the Anti Slavery Convention in Augusta. Before the arrival of your communication I had resolved /D.V./ to be present. It will afford me the sincerest satisfaction if I am enabled in the smallest degree to advance the object of that meeting. May the presence of the God of the oppressed be realized in it! —

I am truly gratified to perceive the importance you attach to a full and unflinching adherence to the "fundamental principles" of Immediate, unconditional, Entire emancipation. On these we find firm footing — solid ground — all else besides is sand. As long as these principles are recognized, revered, and made the foundation of all our deliberations, plans, and movements, we are safe; and may confidently hope for the sanction and interposition of heaven. I have observed that just in proportion as these principles are departed from, the interests of our holy cause have been compromised & retarded.

I long to see you. Your name and labours have been for some time familiar to me. I shall esteem it a high honour to be associated with such an able and devoted pleader in behalf of the wretched and enslaved.

I have already commenced my labours in this country. Last week I had the privilege of being present at an Anti Slavery Convention in Groton. I was permitted to make four speeches which were heard with attention & kindness. On Sunday evening I delivered a lecture in the Town Hall Lowell to upwards of 1000 persons. The most profound attention was manifested. Not the slightest interruption was offered. On the contrary a feeling of solemnity and deep interest seemed to pervade the meeting.

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The cause we advocate proceeds most hopefully. It is God's cause. Let us show that we believe it to be so by abiding closely to the directions of his word, and scrupulously to adopt under any form that doctrine of devils "expediency".

Mr. Bacon the Secy of the N. E. A. S. Socy. will accompany me to the Convention. We shall not be able to leave Boston for Portland until Saturday afternoon. It will therefore be Sunday morning before we reach Portland. I am sorry we are not able to leave earlier.

Margaretson greatly desires to be at Augusta but thinks it ~~quite~~ unlikely, as he is somewhat indisposed, and is besides, much engaged in business.

Your direction regarding the bundle will be attended to.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Very Sincerely Yours

Geo. Thompson

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